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DRUM

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INTRODUCTION: For New Readers:-

DRUM is a newsletter which used to be almost a magazine. We at Shanti wanted to share our thinking over a wide range of issues in which we were engaged, so DRUM used to contain longish articles, cartoons, appeals etc- We no longer have the staff to produce such a magazine, but we hope you will find this smaller effort interesting. Hopefully at the end of this edition there is a leaflet explaining more about what we stand for and giving our address. Please do visit the shop if you have the chance. (12.00 - 2.00pm ONLY) (Mon - Fri) you are sure to find it of interest. New faces are also very welcome at our Monday evening gathering, (food from 6pm, meeting from 7.30pm) Even if you can't get very involved, please subscribe to DRUM if you'd like to keep in touch-

For Subscribers And Friends Of Shanti:-

We have a sincere apology to make about the non-appearance of DRUM since the early spring. There have been many changes here and a whole series of difficulties and changes of plan. Suffice it to say that we think DRUM' is important as a way of keeping in touch with the very many sympathetic folk we come into contact with. From now on, it will be comming out in this 'reduced' format and length, but more frequently. We aim to produce DRUM monthly, THOUGH OVER THE SUMMER THIS MAY CHANGE A LITTLE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

From now on will be £1 per year, hopefully you'll get about 9 issues. Cheques please to 'Shanti Shop'. Those with subs. still to run we shall continue to send to, but our finances are still in a bad state and if you can afford to send a 'supporting subscription' (£2, £5,?) or take out a new one now, we'd be more than grateful. This first edition is being sent to several groups and individuals who are not currently subscribers or exchanges; if you want to keep receiving, please send us uour details and a cheque!

NEWSLETTER OF SHANTI
THIRD WORLD CENTRE, MANCHESTER
178 Oxford Road, M13. Tel: 273 5111 ext 56.

BIG CHANGES! Much water under the bridge, etc..... Quick recap on events:

- Late 78: Shanti had two paid workers and one unpaid. Prospect of money available to us to set up a "proper" shop in central M/C selling wholefoods and crafts. No. 88 Oldham St. finally fell through.

- Winter 78-Late 79: Government had expanded Development Education Fund to support work with "adult" groups e.g. Trade Unions, Churches media. Shanti helped set up "MIDAS" - M/C International Development Association - to apply for funding for this kind of work.

- Early 79: Paulette left and Isabelle joined us as full-time worker.

- Summer 79: New government elected, D.E.F. in jeopardy (now axed). MIDAS decided on voluntary, unfunded scheme after application rejected.

- Summer 79: Phil left to become a father and also take up silk-screening. Isabelle left to do a community work course. Shop closed July-Sep. during vacation and while Colin was doing teaching practice.

- ~~October 79~~: Shanti has Shop reopened with no full-time or paid workers. Voluntary group now running shop 12-2pm ONLY, Mon-Fri. ~~Colin~~ is still taking on "coordinator" role, but is only in the building at the following times: 11-1, 5-7pm (Mon, Wed, Thurs); 11-7pm (Tues, Fri) (Teaching the rest of the time).

- Oct/Nov 79: Discussions beginning with War on Want over prospects for future work, funding possibilities etc. for all aspects of Shanti and MIDAS work.

SHOP NEWS

The main consequence of these changes is that the shop is now run entirely on a volunteer basis. Trade is building up as a result of the new influx of students and the colder weather (Peruvian woollies!). Christmas is just round the corner and we take about as much in 2 hours as we used to in a whole day. It all means a huge amount of work and at the moment we are simply not keeping pace. Many of our closest supporters have full-time jobs which makes it difficult for them to put in time on the shop. So: if any of our readers can help - even as little as an hour a week is a great help - please get in touch. There are also other jobs like pricing and typing this newsletter, as well as participating in all the various campaigns we are involved in. "Sitting in the shop" is not a difficult thing to learn about and it can be an excellent way to meet new people and read Third World literature. Sometimes we do outside stalls at craft fairs or conferences- there is one coming up at Hartshead School, Ashton-Under-Lyne on November 24 - 25th. Anyone able to help? Recently arrived goodies include; fast disappearing collection of Peruvian alpac /multicoloured sweaters, hats, socks, gloves, ponchos etc- mini elephants from SriLanka- onyx from Mexico- 2 boxes of locally made pottery- and the long awaited Tanzanian coffee at (only) 95p for 4 oz. Handmade traditional Lancashire clogs still available at around ten pounds but it now takes three months to order.

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LATIN AMERICA

Nicaraguan Support Committee

The committee has been meeting over the summer at Shanti. Aims to support the reconstruction work being undertaken by the new Nicaraguan government in the aftermath of the civil war. It's special trade union appeal has had some success. Contact N.S.C. c/o Shanti.

Chile Solidarity

- held a demonstration in London in September to protest against the planned recognition of the Pinochet government. Contact: Ruth Pushkin, 27 Thorpe st., M16.

Latin America Solidarity Group

- concentrating on adoption of Argentinian political prisoners. Contact: Jaime or Lucy 224 5633 (eve.)

Campaign Against Repression in Guyana - new group based in London denouncing the imprisonment and repression of trade unionists and militants by the Forbes Burnham gov. Contact: 01-579 4920(day)

AFRICA

Anti-Apartheid/Trade Union Liaison Committee: - Has produced a bulletin ('Links') aimed at showing the connections between North West firms and South Africa. Contact: Francis Kelly 434 7549 (evening)

Zimbabwe Emergency Campaign Committee formed over summer to oppsoe any British sell-out during the Lancaster House talks

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* Kampuchea:
* In view of the current human catastrophe (2-3 million literally starving to death) an emergency group has been formed to raise money for Oxfam / Medical Aid for Vietnam and Cambodia and to put pressure on the U.K. Gov. We hope to stage a sponsored fast and other events over the next few weeks. Please help. The situation is unimaginably desperate - some say worse than Biafra.
* Contact: Andrew Pennington,Oxfam, 861-9731 (day)
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Eritrea Support Committee - formed itself to support the struggle of EPLF/ELF against Ethiopian/Soviet military might, and to raise funds for medical relief for victims of Africa's largest war - 18 years and still going on. Contact: Hilary Nelson, 45 Aspinall street, M14 5UB

Sahara Action Committee _ London based group trying to publicise the struggle of POLISARIO against the Moroccans. Contact: Colin at Shanti.

ASIA

Hong Kong Educational Project: funded group producing teaching materials about Hong Kong. Excellent speakers and resource material avaliable. *Needs a graphic artist to help with production. Contact R.Grindrod,cem 2365141

-and after. Contact: Ruth Mahleka, 21Silverd le Rd., M21 15N.

ANTI APARTHEID ARE HOLDING A MEETING: "The truth about Zimbalwe - Rhodesia" Wed. Oct. 31st - Owens Union (U.M.I.) Film from Zimbalwe - Speakers - Patriotic Front and from Zimbabwe Emergency Campaign Committee

Asia contd.

"Boat People"
Committee formed to help settlement of 20 families in City of Manchester. Contact: Loret Lee, MMRC c/o MCCR - 834 9153 (day)

Manchester Anti-Nuclear Group
- meets fortnightly at "Peveril of the Peak" pub, St. Bridgewater St. Next one: Thurs. Nov. 8th, 8pm. Newssheet available on request. Speakers group and exhibition in progress. Contact: Tony Hardman, 434 7469 (evening).

Stop Urenco Alliance -
national network of groups opposed to Uranium enrichment company based at Capenhurst, Cheshire and Almelo, Holland. "Dirty deals" involve Pakistan, Brazil, Namibia etc. Held a successful 'sit-down' protest at Capenhurst in July in July- direct action next March. Contact Friend's of the Earth or Shanti.

UWA Development Education Project
a very active team working on developing the international perspective in the school curriculum. Mobile exhibitions, seminars in 6th forms, resource centre, youth conferences, work camps, etc. Now in danger of closure or reduced scale of operation due to Goverment abolition of Development Education Fund. Contact UWA/DEP 445 2405 day.

Work Development Movement
National network of groups working on parlimentary lobbying and education, especially on commodities, trade etc. National day of action on TNA is Nov. 10th. Contact: Martin Jones 225 5759 eve. This group recently organised One World Week radio programmes and conferences.

Multi Racial Women's Cooperative
Trying to set up a garment-making enterprise mainly for Asian women in Manchester. Just heard that Manpower Services commision money under STEP has been cut for M/C inner city projects. Yet another crises.... Contact: Nilofar Siddiqin and Ismail Lambat. 226 1632 day

General Campaigns

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Campaign Coffee
Tanzanian instant coffee grown in cooperatives and marketed with educational leaflet. Other materials also available to back up this exellent development education gimmick. OUR STOCK HAS NOT ARRIVED. 95p for 4oz packet cheap! Help desperately needed to publicise and promote generally. Contact: Jane Sweet 224 3003 or Shanti. day eve.

Returned Volunteer Action
Exists to help ex-VSO's and others to put their overseas experience to best use on return, and to put pressure on sendings agencies. Variety of projects at present. Extensive literature in shop includes national magazine produced by M/C group and Glencree Charter, a radical 'manifesto' on volunteering. Contact: Colin at Shanti.

Amnesty
M/C University branch very active this term: adopting Russian prisoner, regular Monday meetings, forthcoming talks on Guatemala and Chile. Oct. 30th-film on Martin Luther King. All night event near end of term.
Contact: Carrie Cupple, Owen's Union.

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Manchester university Community Action
The group needs a new coordinater. Applications can be obtained from G.A. office in the University Union. Interviews: Nov 6th. Salary: £3200.
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STOP PRESS

Nov. 3th-6th State visit by ~~HXH~~ by President Suharto of Indonesia "head of one of the world's most oppressive military goverments" Contact TAPOL: 9A Treport St., London S.W.18 2dp.

Amnesty International Contacts
University group: Jane Millar(sec)
603 Arnesby Close, M15.
Stockport group: Mike Pregnall 439 9623.
South Manchester group: Linda Otten 434 6440

SOME RECENT SHANTI ACTIVITIES

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'Quick' rundown on some interesting Monday evening speakers' meetings we have organised. Winona La Duke and Herb Hatchford of the American Indian Environmental Council, talking about the destruction of Native American Communities by the health hazards of uranium mining ..... Patrick Clarke showed slides of the shanty town town in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he lives and works with a community project. . project now has support from the Catholic organisation CAFOD) ..... Saul and Rosalina from the El Salvador Human Rights Commission, on a mission to alert the international press and church authorities to the activities committed by the (now deposed) Romero dictatorship ..... Daniel Mazgaonkar of the Sarvodaya movement in Bombay ..... September was a good month'.

FORTHCOMING SHANTI EVENTS

October 29th ; General business meeting and talk by Andrew Pennington of M/C Oxfam on Kampuchea emergency appeal (including slides)

November 6th ; (Tuesday) India: Report and slides from this summer's in service course/study tour by Rob and Sos; Shanti volunteers. N.B food at 7 p.m.

November 13th; General business meeting

November 19th; Outing to International Centres meeting on 'Health in the Third World' (See Events)

November 20th: Pricing party: dealing with the mountain of Xmas stock. Bring a bottle

November 30th: Visit by Terry Lacey, new secretary of War on Want. (10.30 a.m.)
(Friday)

December 3rd; General business meeting

3 "possibles" =1)Andy Chetley ofWar On Want,auther of the"Baby Killer Scandal"

2)Simon Stocker of Zimbabve Information Croup on his recent trip to the front line states, and refugee camps. (slides).

3) Colin Archer - slides from =15 months in Latin America + the Caribean

(whether these happen will depend entirely on demand).

4) Tim McLure - report on recent developements at Tearcraft which have its director Richard Adams to set up a "rival" crafts import agency "Traidcraft" ,from whom we are likely to be ordering goods henceforth.

Waterloo Place News.
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=78 Waterloo place is the bilding where Shanti is based.Its an annexe to the S Students Union at M/c University, and there are a number of othe r groups operating under the same roof.

CRAPEVINE provides excellent vehetarian food at reasonable prices from.£2.30 to2.00 It is available for meetings on most evenings - phone Guy Lancaster on.273-- 5£II ex.56 M/C Gay Centre has a new full time worker : Rosalind Thompson.
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THE SILKSCREEN WORKSHOP has been reorganised by the students union,and now has to be be booked through General Office.Ring Steve Darroch on 226 7059 evenings for details.Steve is also involved in setting up a new Sunday newspaper "City LIfe". THE ATTIC LIBRARY is still alive, and well and is open to visitors.An amazing if rather patchy collection of pamphlets magazines etc on all kinds of radical subjects. We are discussing proposals,for funding/relocation.Our beloved Golf ball typewriter seems to have finally(26.£0.79)clapped out.Any offers of replacement ?????????????

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION FUND AXED!

The Conservative Government has finally decided to "run down" the DEF se up by Judith Hart's ministry of Overseas Development.It was administered by the Advisory Committee for Dev.Education,which has now been disbanded.Many worthwhile projects - including the Didsbury DEP (see campigns),One World Week,Third World First...- will be severely affected.It is a cruel blow for all those who have worked so hard to establish Development Education as a vital part of the struggle against poverty/and ignorance.The World Development Movement is coordinating a lobbying campaign to reverse the decision (John Mitchell,01-836 3672),and a national conference may be held in Manchester in Nov/Dec to consider alternative funding sources.NB The cut failed to merit even a one-line mention in any of the national dailies.

MORE ABOUT MIDAS

Manchester International Development Association was set up earlier in the year by officers of the local development agencies to coordinate work with "adult" groups (as opposed to "education" in schools etc).Our application to the DEF came to grief like many others around the country.However,for the time being we are pressing on as an unfunded body with one particular part of our programme:an attempt to research some of the connections between Manches--ter and the Third World .We are doing this by looking at some of the multi--national companies who have plants here and abroad.At present the newly-industrialised countries of the Far East is our main focus,and we are also hoping to investigate more deeply both new technology and nuclear power in the developing world.Meanwhile,we are having discussions with War on Want over areas of possible cooperation- and we have provisionally been offered accommodation in central Manchester c/o Christian Education Movement.

MORE ABOUT WAR ON WANT

As a result of my visit to the War on Want Convention in October,a number of exciting possibilities have emerged.WoW - smallest and most radical of the UK development charities - seem to be recovering from their fracas with the Charity Commissioners,and they have a new secretary in Terry Lacey.They have a strong commitment to putting a lot of resources into 3 areas Shanti is al--ready ~~xxxxxx~~ active in:(1) 3rd World shops (2) Public Education and campaign--ing (3) Work with the Labour Movement.They are also talking of re-introducing Field Workers.(Since the N-W Field Worker was withdrawn some years ago,there has been no general WoW group in the area.)Naturally we are hoping for a suc--cessful outcome to these negotiations.

Colin.

NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP

The Baby Killer Scandal:up to date report by War on Want on the campaign laun--chedsome years ago against Nestlés and other baby milk marketers. £1-50

Natural Peoples News No.2: Excellent collection ofnew material on the struggle of native peoples against the mining companies. CIMRA, 60p.

Reconstructing British Industry: Report on the 3rd World dimension to issues of protectionism and industrial adjustment. CIIR 50p.

Poverty and Power: Concise (if superficial) analysis of underdevelopment and activities going on in the UK to counteract it. R&V&A&/Zed Press £1.00

Central America Pack: New materials on this fast-changing area of the world from War On Want. £1.50.

Indian Sweet Cookery: Just to show it - not all politics! A real beauty, this one. Rider Press, £3.50.

Beans:New series of attractive children's books on life in eg Zambia,Mexico, Pakistan etc. A&C Black,£2-50.

Purari:Overpowering Papua New Guinea - v.detailed and well produced account of environmental and social damage being caused by a massive hydroelectric scheme in PNG&as seen in a general Third World context. CIMRA £2-50 at least !

New Internationalist on Aborigines 40p.

Nicaragua,Dictatorship and Revolution - Latin America Bureau,75p. (contd...)

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

4th Moss Side Labour Party Dayschool on labour movement + Ireland
Mick woods, 44 Epping Walk, M15 6EH

9th VSO party, International Society. 8pm onwards.

10th WDM Day of action on Tea. Contact Martin Jones 225 5759 (pm)

11th National Zimbabwe Demonstration. Contact Anti-Apartheid (01-580-5311)

16th RVA Manchester 7,30 384 Washway Rd. Sale: Bring grub.

18th Northern Ireland Conference Organised by United Nations Association Youth and Students. Miles Plathing Community Education Centre. Details: June Morris 445 2495

19th International Society / YMCA - 7.30 "Health in the Third World" - Dr. Joyce Leeson.

DECEMBER

7th Thailand - Ex president of the National Student Centre, Thailand, and defence lawyer, on "Human Rights in Thailand since 1976" Lunchtime, at UMIST, or Salford Univ. Details from Shanti

and Cambodia Thursday (Nov. 1st) 5.00pm Owens Union M.R.1
Andrew Pennington (Oxfam Youth Officer) Talk with Slides. Writing letters to M.P.s, Petition.

Wednesday Nov. 7th Union 24 Hr Sponsored Fast from mid-day. Motion at General Meeting.

On The Move

Grass Roots bookshop ("the best cooperatively-run shop in Britain") is having to close its 109 Oxford Rd branch due to financial problems. Premises may be turned into vegetarian restaurant. Book sale in last week. 22nd-31st Oct.

Ujamaa bookshop specialists in Afro-Carribean artefacts and literature, has moved from shop premises at Brookes BBar, Whalley Range; to George Jackson House, 101 Withington Rd M/C 16 (226 4630) (from DRUM)

Friends of the Earth are having to leave the Poly where they are currently housed. their full-time officer, Rob Francis is soon to move to London or Austrailia, so any help very gratefully received. Phone messages via Shanti at present. → 273 5111 x 56. (from DRUM)

Publications contd.

Learning about Africa. Tremendously thorough and stimulating report on inservice course for teachers in Ghana. Published by Development Education Centre, Birmingham. 200p

Health Care in the Third World A new policy by VSO. Indicates a considerable shift towards opposing the underlying causes of ill-health rather than simply treating symptons. 15p

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178 WATERLOO PLACE,
OXFORD ROAD,
MANCHESTER M13 9QQ
061-273 5111 ext 56 (Students Union Extension)

SOME SHANTI RESOURCES

Printing: We have a Roneo duplicator and facilities for layout - paper, ink, stencils, letraset etc. We can also advise on how to get your material printed litho . Also at Waterloo Place we have a silkscreen printing service, where you can learn to print your own posters.

Newsletter: We produce a quarterly newsletter, 'DRUM', which con-tains details of Third World activities in the North-West, plus background articles of general interest.

Stalls: We can supply stocks of handicrafts and books for events like fairs, festivals, conferences, meetings etc. We offer 10% of the takings if you run the stall yourself.

Exhibitions: We have information on displays and exhibitions produced by campaign groups or agencies, and we ourselves have photo-exhibitions on S.Africa, Zimbabwe etc.

Films and Speakers: We possess catalogues and speakers' lists to help you with your programme.

Simulation Games and Teaching Materials: Available for loan or sale.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY THIRD WORLD SOCIETY

Shanti owes its origins to this society and is still closely bound up with it. Each autumn we organise a programme of activ-ities for the Michaelmas Term through which our student members try to make known our concerns in the University community. Please ask if you wish to know more or if you can help in any way.

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3RD WORLD CENTRE

SHANTI THIRD WORLD CENTRE

Shanti is a Hindi word meaning peace. Shanti Third World Centre is a crafts & books shop set up in 1974 by a Union society at Manchester University in order to promote understanding and action concerning the Third World.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE THIRD WORLD?

There can be no simple definition, but these are some of the concepts we use. Up to the end of the 19th century, the countries of Latin America, Africa and most of Asia were colonised by the expanding European industrial states. They were then turned into primary producers of crops such as tea, coffee, cotton etc and minerals like iron, copper and zinc. In so doing, the colonisers destroyed the native cultures of these countries and reduced their inhabitants to great poverty, as labourers for them. Since the end of the 19th century, mainly through political struggle, many of these nations have become politically independent. There are still huge imbalances in the world, however. The 3rd World countries remain largely primary producers, dependent on the export of cash crops and raw materials, the prices of which frequently fluctuate (but are always very low in relation to manufactured goods). Some of the countries have very repressive right-wing regimes, such as S. Africa, Chile, Argentina, which are actively supported by the very powerful multinational corporations. Others have left-wing regimes (eg Mozambique, Cuba, Tanzania), but they too have many problems. They have still not freed themselves completely from Western - or Soviet - influence.

This description is both over-simplified and very incomplete, but we hope it indicates some areas we feel are important.

We would like to add that we don't see the Third World as something 'out there': there is much poverty and discrimination here in Britain too. Likewise, we recognise that privilege and wealth exist also in countries traditionally thought of as poor.

SHANTI AND CO-OPERATIVES.

All around the world there are people struggling to overcome injustice. In particular, there are groups of men and women working together in order to improve the quality of life in their own community. In many towns and villages there are cooperative enterprises which aim to share the fruits of their labour equally and to gain a better selling price by bypassing the profiteering merchants. Shanti tries to buy its crafts from such cooperatives, and thus to support rural projects where people might otherwise have no source of income.

But we see this as only one part of our work. Cooperatives aren't the whole answer. Change will only come when thousands and million of people demand it. Therefore a large part of our energy at Shanti is spent on action and education about poverty and oppression. We stock a wide variety of books, pamphlets, posters and so on We maintain a useful stock of reference material in the Attic Library upstairs; and we are involved in a variety of campaigns charities and solidarity movements.

Finally, we believe in working cooperatively ourselves. At present we have 3 full-time workers and a fluctuating group of volunteers All policy decisions are taken at a weekly general meeting and none of us has any financial 'stake' in the organisation. Any surplus is always ploughed back into our activities. (Usually there isn't any!)

We are always in need of extra help to keep the centre running, so if you feel you can help in any way, please drop in and see us or else give us a ring.

Our address is overleaf, together with further details of the resources we can offer and the facilities of Waterloo Place, where we are housed at present.

PLEASE DISPLAY

VOLUNTEERS AND THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT

A Series of Public Lectures and Debates organised by the Manchester Committee of Voluntary Service Overseas.

All Lectures at MANCHESTER BUSINESS SCHOOL, Booth St. West, Manchester, 15
7.30 p.m.—10.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 31st OCTOBER "The Divide Between North & South"

Speaker: Professor Richard Jolly, Director of the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.

Chairman: Brian Redhead, Broadcaster

WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER "Alternative Development Strategies"

Speaker: Brian Walker, Director of Oxfam

Respondent: Mr. Mehta, Indian High Commissioner in U.K.

Chairman: Dr. Bill Davies, Lecturer, Manchester Business School: member of Oxfam Council

WEDNESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER "The Role of Volunteers in Development"

Speakers: Glyn Roberts, Author, Ex–Volunteer, Co-ordinator of "Tools for Self-Reliance"

Alan Leather, Research Fellow at Ruskin College, Oxford, ex-Field Director, Oxfam; Vice Chairman, British Volunteers Programme Council.

Chairman: Professor A. Livingstone, Department of Overseas Administrative Studies, Manchester University.

WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER "Where do the Political Parties Stand?"

Speaker: Mr. Robert Rhodes James, M.P., PPS to Minister of State for Overseas Development; and MPs from the Labour and Liberal Parties.

Chairman: Dr. Nora Davies, United Nations Association Regional Officer.

WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER "Voluntary Service Overseas: Its Place in Third World Development"

Speakers: David Collett, Director of Voluntary Service Overseas.
Mark Mitchell, Chairman of Returned Volunteers Ass.

Chairman: Professor W. Tordoff, Department of Government, Manchester University.

Entry will be by ticket, price 50p (Students 25p) available on the door or in advance from Reception Desk, Manchester Business School. Tel. 061-273 8228
A Set of 5 can be purchased for the reduced price of £2.00 (£1.00 Students)

Manchester University Please Display

THIRD WORLD SOCIETY

Programme for Autumn '79

Thursday Nov. 1st, 5.00p.m. Students Union, Meeting Room 1, (first floor)

"Answering back" challenging popular myths about the causes of poverty.
With speaker David Hicks; a simulation game on international trade; and half-price sale of the 'Answering Back' edition of New Inernationalist magazine.

Tuesday Nov. 13th 5.00p.m. Union M.R.1.

"Multi-National Corp rations" a question of control.
With film "Rollei In Singapore". Speaker to be announced.

Thursday 29th nov. 5.00p.m. Union M.R.1.
"TANZNIA- THE STORY OF UJAMAA" (Family Socialism)
Details to be arranged.

LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL EVENING - with folk band 'Meli Antu'; food; poetry;exhibition.
Admission 65p Proceeds to Nicaraguan Support Fund. Last week of term.

We will be meetion in the intervening weeks on the Tuesday or Thursday at 5.00p.m. at SHANTI (178 Waterloo Place, Oxford Road - opposite the Computer Building)
See our notice board in the Union, opposite the shop on the ground floor. These will planning sessions.

We are also working on a project called 'Higher Education and Development' (HEAD) which aims to show the ways in which we - simply by being students- are involved in the processes that cause underdevelopment and poverty. By finding out about research going on at the university - as a starting point- and demonstrating its connections with underdevelopment, we aim to initiate discussion on wider questions about education. The work involves background reading and talking to contacts; and meeting some Sunday afternoons at 51 High Lane,Chorlton. If you have access to information that might help, please ring 881 1000 or if you want to get involved, ask at any of our meetings.

Other activities this term will include;

* a sponsored Fast with Oxfam for Kampuchea
* running the shop at SHANTI
* stalls in the Union

THE TERRIBLE COST OF AN IDEAL

Extracts from GORDON BARCLAY, in his second article on South East Asia, telling the story of Kampuchea's revolution and describing the resulting human suffering.

In 1968 Cambodia was an apparently sleepy, underdevloped and reasonably happy country, ruled by the dexterous Prince Sihanouk. He was overthrown two years later (if not at the instigation of the CIA at least with their full support) and a new regime, right wing, under Lon Nol started a bitter war against the Khmer Rouge. Heavy American bombing eliminated many of the left wing forces, but as the Khmer Rouge slowly but surely took over the country, more and more of the right wing perished or fled. By the time Lon Nol's government had fallen and Pol Pot took over in 1976 there had already been a terrible decimation of the intellectual and professional classes.

In Kampuchea (as Cambodia was renamed) the new rulers were young, dedicated communists with no knowledge or experience of running a country. They decided to eliminate all elements of the professional and technical classes down to and including high school students. Something between a quarter and a third of the country's seven or eight million inhabitants perished, from illness, malnutrition or overwork, and in thousands if not millions at the hands of the extermination squads.

Enormous movements of population were organised so that those near to the Vietnamese border where they might have had friendly feelings for their neighbours moved west, and those from near Thailand moved east. Communal eating was enforced to the degree of destroying all family-size cooking utensils. Husbands and wives were systematically separated into different labour squads. Only in the last few months of the Pol Pot regime was it realised that practically no children were being born, and then forcible measures were taken to get the women pregnant. Disease and malnutrition have also played their part in the very low birth rate.

All work was manual. Cars, tractors, Western medicine, money, banks and public transport were banned. Finally a great sympathiser of the Khmer Rouge, Malcolm Caldwell, was killed on the last day of his visit to the country - probably for fear he might return with unhappy notions.

Through the degree of misery, oppression, and killings gradually leaked out in something like their true ferocity, the international community were powerless to stop it, just as in the case of Amin in Uganda. Finally Vietnam, to the horror of her neighbours, especially China, stepped in and supported a new more liberal Communist regime.

What the new "invaders" found in Phnom Penh mirrors the findings in Kampala. Of five hundred doctos only forty remain alive. Of ninety pharmacists only ten. Of three thousand nurses only two hundred. One large hospital outside the capital is run by a Kampuchean student and a Vietnamese civilian doctor.

There are practically no medicines, very few antibiotics or facilities for dressings or surgical operations of any scale. Whole towns have been flattened. There is a Red Cross representative in Phnom Penh but there is no postal service by which to communicate with him.

Because Vietnam's involvement was seen as interfering or as "invading" Kampuchea, most Western governments including the United Kingdom have refused to recognise the new government, so there is no formal communication and no possibility of any Western aid. (It is extraordinary that in less than twenty four hours we recognised the extremely violent new regime in Ghana).

As with Malaysia and Indonesia, we must press world opinion to see that promises to take refugees are quickly honoured; endless deferment, which has been the practice in this emergency, results in these Eastern countries in desperation taking these awful remedies. The rich Western countries must also take, I believe, many more refugees themselves.

A greater, more urgent need is to get food and medical supplies into the country. Only action by Western Governments on a massive scale can prevent one or two million people starving before Christmas.

Manchester Area Resource Centre,
61 Bloom St.,
Manchester 1.

Please do drop in today!